

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free; I took His hand when I heard Him call; I turned my back and left it all. If my parting has left a void; then fill it with remembered joy. My life's been full, I savored much; good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; ah yes, these things, I too, will miss. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up our hearts and share with me; God wanted me now, He set me free.

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!
- The family of Charlene (Macklin) Calhoun



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In Loving **MEMORY**



Charlene (Macklin) Calhoun

May 9, 1945 - September 20, 2024

Memorial Service

October 5, 2024 - 10:00 am

Corinthian Baptist Church

1920 Tennessee Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

Pastor KZ Smith, Officiating

Obituary

Charlene Macklin Calhoun was born on May 9, 1945. She was the eleventh child born to Willie and Viola Macklin (both parents preceded her in death). Charlene was frequently called by her family the “Church Lady,” a reflection of her faithfulness to the Lord and her church. Charlene peacefully departed this life to be with the Lord on September 20, 2024.

Charlene was baptized at an early age at Corinthian Baptist Church on Wehrman Ave. As an adult, she moved her membership to the First Baptist Church of Mt. Auburn, where she served for 15 years before returning to Corinthian in 1990. Charlene served as a Sunday School teacher, president of the Senior Usher Board, adult advisor to the Children’s Usher Board, member of the Historical Committee, team leader of the Jail Ministry, New Members’ Class teacher, and team leader of the CBC Foreign Mission Team, renamed to the Charlene Calhoun Missionary for Christ.

Charlene graduated from Central High School. Afterwards, she attended night classes at the University of Cincinnati, where she studied chemistry. Charlene had a long and productive 30-year career with The Procter & Gamble Co.

Charlene served faithfully in her community and church until her health prevented her from doing so. In 2004, Charlene was recognized for her community work with the Talbert House, where she met with President George W. Bush on Air Force One. Charlene was also awarded special recognition from P&G for her community citizenship in 2005.

Charlene was a loving mother of four beautiful children: Anthony, Curtis (deceased), Freddie, and Narvetta. Charlene taught her children to love the Lord and faithfully took them to church.

Charlene was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Viola Macklin; her son, Curtis Calhoun Jr.; three brothers: Leon (Ruth), Willis, and Freddie Macklin; and five sisters: Ola (Julius) Martin, Delores (Ralph) Warren, Carmelita (Willie) Russell, Katie Crews, and Marie (Harold) Willingham. She leaves to mourn her passing two sons: Anthony (Amy) and Freddie Calhoun; one daughter, Narvetta Calhoun; eight grandchildren: Shayla Winn, Antonio, Dominique, Andre, Genesis, Logan Calhoun, Muhammad Groomes, and Kristin Young; twelve great-grandchildren: Donsha and Jah’Ayla Knox, Mia, Carilyn and Andre Jr. Calhoun, Derrick, Derrian, Derrius, and Derrion Waters, Rickey Tucker, Aniyah Groomes, and Callie Groomes; four sisters: Anna Joiner (Johnny), Viola Macklin, Mamie Hamilton, and Christine Macklin; and a host of nieces and nephews. Charlene would also like to acknowledge her cousins, the Grahams, whom she met late in her life but who became an important part of it. Charlene had two very special friends: Sandra (Cookie) Newell and Janet (Candy) Middlebrooks.



Order of Service

- Prayer Assistant Pastor Earl Bray Jr.
- Selection CBC Music Department
Brother Derri Cantlope, Minister Of Music
“Blessed Assurance”
- Old Testament Scripture Minister Ginny Miller
Joshua 24:14-15
Minister Bomani Tyehimba
Psalm 107
- New Testament Scripture Pastor Timothy Lane
John 14:1-7
- Selection CBC Music Department
“I’ve Got A Feeling (Everything is Gonna Be Alright)”
- Acknowledgements Sister Robyn Bennie
- Video Presentation
- Remarks Sister Anna Joiner; Family
Members; Clergy; Friends
- Obituary Read Silently
Marvin Sapp
“I Come To The Garden”
- Selection CBC Music Department
“For Every Mountain”
- Eulogy Pastor KZ Smith
- Benediction Pastor KZ Smith



*Life is not measured
by the number of breaths
we take, but by the
moments that
take our breath away.*

- Unknown